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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 20, 2002

Sir:

This paper is filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated August 20, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-14 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 21-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-14 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as non-elected claims. Claims 21, 22, 24, and 27 have been allowed. Claims 23, 25, and 26 remain rejected.

Claims 23, 25, and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as not enabled. In particular, the Examiner has taken the position that the reference to

